Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 11, with the following

rewritten paragraph:

Finally, when the agents return from separate execution, changes can be merged (i.e., parallel composition) back into a new frame 612 if desirable. In this case, the timestamps on the competing X value bindings are used to determine which value 608 or 614 to assign to X in the composed frame 612. Since it is ~~know~~ known that the t_2 update happened after the t_1 608, 616 update, the latest value of the X value 614 is carried forward 618 into the composed frame 612. Thus, timestamps are useful in some cases for parallel composition.